

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 23-062

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

May 18, 2023

The Complainant alleged a court clerk was instructed by a justice of the peace to charge a fee to a litigant for a public trial.

The role of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine whether a judicial officer has engaged in conduct that violates the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct or Article 6.1 of the Arizona Constitution. There must be clear and convincing evidence of such a violation in order for the Commission to take disciplinary action against a judicial officer.

The Commission reviewed all relevant available information and concluded there was not clear and convincing evidence of ethical misconduct in this matter. The complaint is therefore dismissed pursuant to Commission Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

Commission member Delia R. Neal did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on May 18, 2023.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

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Judge's Name:

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Court Clerk Supervisor of Justice Court, confirmed that Judge is aware that they operate a system in which counterclaims are concealed from the public. When challenged on why my filing did not face the public, informed me that I would need to have paid money up front. I informed that I wasn't aware of 'pay for public' in our court system, but that I came prepared to pay fees as well as to file a motion to proceed in forma pauperis. I was advised by the clerk not to file that because there would be no fee. Therefore, I was instructed by the clerk to conceal my counterclaim. In speaking with she confirmed after speaking to Judge directly, that I needed to pay for a public trial.

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